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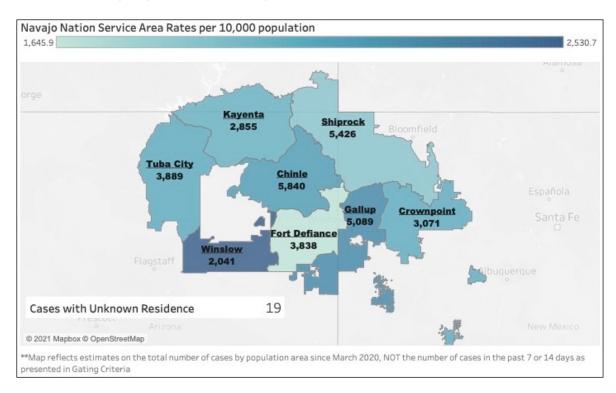
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60 new cases, 30,330 recoveries, and two more deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 60 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,392. The report indicates that 30,330 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 303,161 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 32,068, including 11 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 5,840

Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,071Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,838

• Gallup Service Unit: 5,089

Kayenta Service Unit: 2,855
Shiprock Service Unit: 5,426
Tuba City Service Unit: 3,889
Winslow Service Unit: 2,041

* 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 2,402 new cases, Utah reported 1,488 cases, and New Mexico reported 878 new cases.

"Masks work and the vaccines are highly-effective. Reports from across the country show that the majority of new COVID-19 infections involve people who are not vaccinated. In areas that have mask mandates in place, the numbers of new cases are lower than other areas that don't have mask mandates. Please keep wearing masks in public whether you are on or off the Navajo Nation. We are also asking all residents of the Navajo Nation to limit in-person social and family gatherings until we see a consistent decline in new infections. We are in this together and we must work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

"We must continue to do everything we can to bring the numbers of cases down and prevent a large surge from occurring once again. If you feel symptoms related to COVID-19, please stay home and do your best to isolate yourself from others and get tested as soon as possible. Our health care workers are sacrificing so much for us, so please help them by taking precautions," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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